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Delegate Anne Kaiser Chair, Ways and Means Committee 131 House Office Building 6 Bladen Street Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: HB 1017 - Income Tax Credit for Venison Donation – Alterations, Extension, and Testing

for Chronic Wasting Disease

Dear Chair Kaiser,

I hope your session is proceeding smoothly!

I am writing to express my support for HB 1017. I understand Delegate Luedtke's amendment will address the tax credit section of the bill and align it with the grant program established by one of his bills. HB 1017 would still require the Department of Natural Resources to report to the General Assembly by December 31, 2021, on the testing of deer for chronic wasting disease (CWD). It is very important that we monitor CWD in our state to make sure that animals with CWD are not consumed by humans.

I strongly encourage a favorable report for **HB 1017**.

Best regards,

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